

HANCOCK HOUSE

(Residence of Mrs. James) Caskie HOUSE
2 North Fifth Street, Richmond, Virginia

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

Eugene Bradbury, District Officer

210 East Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia

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Residence of Mrs. James Caskie
2 North Fifth Street, Richmond, Virginia

Owner: Mrs. James Caskie

Date of Erection: 1809

Architect:

Builder: Michael W. Hancock

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two stories and basement

Materials of Construction: Walls are of brick laid in Flemish bond with convex tooling. Window arches and sills are of stone. At top of basement wall is a water table of moulded brick. The original roof of shingles has been replaced with a tin roof. Moulded marble sills indicate original door four feet wide. Replacement, adding water entrance, is of Greek Revival Period. Two story wood porch on front is between the demi-octagonal bays.

Other Existing Records: The abstract of title records Lot No. 585 as prize ticket No. 1525, of the William Byrd Lottery to Landon Carter, Jr.; Landon Carter, Jr. to Lawrence Muss; Lawrence Muse to Michael W. Hancock in 1809.

Enumeration and valuation of property in 1817 as recorded in personal notes of Edward V. Valentine: Eight buildings on Lot No. 585, on corner of E (now Main) and Fifth Streets, occupied by William Wirt; assessment on dwelling \$12,000.

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- (a) Well-finished dwelling house, walls of brick, two stories high, covered with shingles.
- (b) Brick kitchen, two stories high, covered with wood.
- (c) Woodhouse built of brick, covered with wood.
- (d) Office, walls of brick, two story, covered with shingles.
- (e) Summer house, walls of brick, one story, covered with wood.
- (f) Brick Smokehouse, covered with wood.
- (g) Brick necessity, one story, covered with wood.
- (h) Stable or carriage house, walls of brick, with a slate roof.

As recorded in the taxes, Lot No. 585, owned by Lawrence Muse, was valued in 1808 at \$100. Lot No. 585, owned by Michael W. Hancock, was valued in 1809 at \$1800. Lot No. 585, owned by Michael W. Hancock, was valued in 1810 at \$10,000.

Additional Data: Original rear extension of dwelling and out-buildings, including kitchen, have been removed. The remainder of the dwelling retains the original finish, as indicated on drawings, except mantels. A two story porch on rear is not believed to be original.

Bibliography:

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Richmond, Virginia

Lawyers' Title Insurance Corporation,
Richmond, Virginia

Personal Notes of Edward V. Valentine

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